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MEMORANDUM FOR: TCO/OACSI, Colonel M. B. Montgomery  
 TCO/ONI, Captain R. A. Kettla  
 TCO/AFCIN, Colonel J. M. Winterbottom  
 TCO/JCS, Colonel J. E. Mahon

SUBJECT : Report on the Status of Permission for  
 TALENT Missions

1. In pursuance of the request of Colonel Winterbottom, USAF, I am stating in writing the substance of my remarks referred to in ARC-M-140, paragraph 10. Please note that the classification of this memorandum is in both the CHAL and "T" security systems and that the information contained herein is to be provided only to the principal ARC Member, his Alternate and his Senior Intelligence Officer. This precaution devolves from the fact that the following is pre-mission information.

2. I was instructed by Mr. Bissell, in the presence of Mr. Dulles and General Cabell, to inform the ARC principals that it had been determined by Mr. Dulles as being unwise to disturb the existing Presidential permission for a POLYARNI mission and, were that not feasible, a KYSHTYM-KOLA mission, for the purpose of requesting latitude to cover [redacted] as proposed in the ARC recommendation set forth in our latest paper (SC 02250/60, 25 March 1960). Mr. Dulles also stated that the substantive question raised by the proposal for [redacted] would appropriately be up for consideration as soon as a mission were accomplished or the permission period had run out.

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